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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ulrich DELIUS *et al.*

International Application No.: PCT/EP2004/000397

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For: *SMOKE PERMEABLE FOOD CASING BASED ON POLYAMIDE AND WATER SOLUBLE POLYMERS*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified PCT patent application as follows to bring it into conformance with United States national stage filing requirements:

Amendments to the Specification are provided beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 8 of this paper.